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Sir:

Pursuant to the obligation recited in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants request consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement in prosecution of this application.

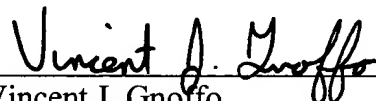
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Applicants cite the references A1-110 listed on the attached form PTO-1449. For the Examiner's convenience, we note that references A1-51 were included in this Information Disclosure Statement because they were all cited in commonly owned U.S. Patent No. 5,736,847 to Van Doorn et al. (reference A59). Also, some of these references were cited in commonly owned U.S. Patent Nos. 5,828,576 (reference A60) and 5,650,936 (reference A58), both to Loucks et al. Generally, the order of the references should not be construed to suggest their relative pertinence. A copy of each of the references is enclosed for the Examiner's review. The Examiner is encouraged to review the entire disclosure of each reference in order to draw his or her own conclusions concerning the pertinence of the references to the claimed subject matter of this application. The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement should not be construed to suggest that a patentability search has been made or that the cited references are prior art or are considered to be material to patentability.

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